

REMARKS**Overview**

Claims 1-3, 9-12, 16-18, 20, 22-25, 30 and 31 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 9, 18, 30 and 31 have been amended. The present response is an earnest effort to place all claims in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1 and 31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 6283301 in view of Chiang 99/53505. Claims 1 and 31 have been amended to add product by process limitations. Therefore, these rejections are moot.

Claims 2-3, 9-12, 16-18, 20, 22, 24-25 and 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 6283301 in view of Chiang 99/53505, further in view of Hashimoto. Claims 2-3 depend from claim 1. As claim 1 has been amended, these rejections are moot. Claim 9 has also been amended to add a product by process limitation. Therefore, this rejection to claim 9 is moot. As claims 10-12 and 16-17 depend from claim 9, these rejections are also moot.

Claim 18 has been amended to add product by process limitation, therefore this rejection is moot. As claims 20, 22-25 depend from claim 18, these rejections are also moot.

Claim 30 has been amended to add a product by process limitation. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

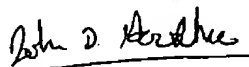
It is respectfully submitted that the product by process limitation places the claims in proper form for allowance as it serves to further distinguish the claimed invention from the

already remote prior art references relied upon by the Examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all rejections must be withdrawn and that the Examiner should find all claims in proper form for immediate allowance.

Conclusion

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicant is a large entity; therefore, please charge Deposit Account 26-0084 the amount of \$790.00 to cover the costs associated with the filing of this RCE. No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment, however, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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